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# THE FACTS OF TRANSPLANTING LIFE

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- The range of organs and tissue currently used for transplantation include the kidneys, heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, corneas, heart valves, bones & tendons, small bowel and skin.
- As transplant surgery develops we are hopeful that many more organs and tissue will be suitable for transplantation.
- Each recipient (receiver) of the organs and tissue is chosen by computer matching of the patients waiting on the various transplant lists.
- The operation to remove organs for transplantation is not post-mortem surgery. The operation is performed in an operation theatre by a team of transplant surgeons.
- The removal of all organs is carried out at the same hospital where the donor died and does not interfere with funeral arrangements.
- Anti-rejection drug developments and life-support equipment, combined with modern medical and surgical techniques, has made transplantation of organs and tissue a reality. Please consider signing and carrying the Donor Card and discuss your wishes with your "Next-of-Kin".

